

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A method for evaluating a boot source in a computer system having a processor comprising:
 - determining the boot source used by the processor each time the computer system boots, the boot source determining further including writing an identity of the boot source; and
 - allowing the boot source to be specified once as a known boot source.
2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the known boot source allowing step further includes:
 - specifying that the known boot source to be a FLASH boot source.
3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2 wherein the specifying step further includes:
 - writing the identity of the FLASH boot source in a write-once register which identifies the boot source for future boots.
4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the determining step further includes:
 - writing the identity of the boot source in a register each time the computer system boots.
5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 further comprising:

checking the boot source determined to ensure that the boot source is the known boot source.

6. (Previously Presented) A system for evaluating a boot source in a computer system having a processor coupled with a boot source, the system comprising:

a first register for storing an identity of the boot source used by the processor each time the computer system boots; and

a second register for allowing the boot source to be specified once as a known boot source.

7. (Original) The system of claim 6 wherein the computer system includes a bridge coupling the processor with the boot source and wherein the first register and the second register are located in the bridge.

8. (Original) The system of claim 7 wherein the bridge is a south bridge.

9. (Original) The system of claim 6 wherein the known boot source is written only once to the second register.

10. (Original) The system of claim 9 wherein the known boot source is a FLASH boot source.

11. (Original) The system of claim 6 wherein the identity of the boot source is written to the first register each time the computer system boots.

12. (Original) The system of claim 6 wherein the processor is capable of checking the boot source stored in the first register to ensure that the boot source is the known boot source.

Please add claims:

13. (New) The method of claim 1 wherein the identity of the boot source includes a location of a particular number of instructions initially executed.

14. (New) The system of claim 6 wherein the identity of the boot source includes a location of a particular number of instructions initially executed.